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ST. JOSEPH PHARMACIST INDICTED ON ADDITIONAL CHILD PORN CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph, Mo., pharmacist was indicted by a federal grand jury today on additional charges related to child pornography.

Walter E. Sewell, 40, of St. Joseph, was charged in a 20-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. Today's superseding indictment replaces a March 1, 2005, indictment by adding 13 new counts related to child pornography and consolidating three counts of possessing child pornography into one new count. **Sewell**, a pharmacist who formerly worked at Food4Less in St. Joseph, is scheduled for trial on Nov. 28, 2005.

Counts One through Three of the federal indictment allege that, on Nov. 10, 2003, **Sewell** caused three separate notices to be published through the Kazaa file-sharing program to exchange, display, distribute and reproduce child pornography.

Counts Four through Eight of the federal indictment allege that, on Nov. 10, 2003, **Sewell** attempted to cause five separate notices to be published through the Kazaa file-sharing program to exchange, display, distribute and reproduce child pornography.

Counts Nine through Eleven of the federal indictment allege that **Sewell** distributed child pornography over the Internet on four separate occasions on Nov. 10, 2003.

Counts Twelve through Fifteen of the federal indictment allege that **Sewell** attempted to distribute child pornography over the Internet on three separate occasions on Nov. 10, 2003.

Count Sixteen of the federal indictment alleges that **Sewell** attempted to receive child pornography over the Internet from Jan. 27, 2003, through Jan. 21, 2004. **Sewell** allegedly

searched for available images of child pornography using the Kazaa file-sharing program.

Counts Seventeen and Eighteen of the federal indictment allege that **Sewell** attempted to receive child pornography over the Internet on Dec. 30 and 31, 2003. **Sewell** allegedly selected visual depictions of child pornography using the Kazaa file-sharing program.

Count Nineteen of the federal indictment alleges that on Jan. 21, 2004, **Sewell** was in possession of child pornography that had been transported over the Internet.

Count Twenty of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Sewell** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged violations, including an HP Vectra VLi8 SF computer **Sewell** used while working at the Food4Less pharmacy and a Hewlett-Packard Pavilion 6835 computer and a Comtrade Midtower computer at **Sewell's** residence, all of which were seized by federal agents on Jan. 21, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Cynthia Phillips. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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